A SEA STORY.

blasted lubbers affoat!" said the first as Jone without spars, as aboard a dazart if a a craffout trees!" One was tired of the Ludiaman Jack down on the bowsp.

Jack down on the light was put ont, with them; whereur on the light was put out, and in short they m. on the light was put out, and in short they m. de it up amongst them to take sone as she got in the latitude of the Mald', was, and steer for this said island; althour n, in case of their toing dogged about by t'ne schooner, of which the chief scoundred per med by Jones's account to have a wholesome fear, it wouldn't be so easy a matter. Indeed the last words he was heard to say, as they crent inward down the boom, were to the effect that he thought there were some abourd as anxious to drop the cruiser as they were. "Faith, Mr. Jones," said I, glad to find this was what their way—so as soon as the breeze springs up, we'd better dear off alternative. The smoothest we'dear off alternative.

Jones," axid I. glad to find this was what they wanted. "If then's slad, I shan's stand in their way—so as soon as the breeze springs up, we'd better clear off altogether. The smoothest way is to let them take themselves quietly off, and I have no fear of the ship—axly, before furly shaping our own course for Bengal, we must manage to have another sight of her under full sail for Bombay."

Neither of us thought of turning in, for by the next half hour, in fact, the Indiaman's half and canvass began to black no out of the gloom on one side—the blue of the water spread round till it glittered against the ring of hight kindling and kindling on the horizon, till it rose seemingly in a perfect fire at one spot in the rim of it, olazing up towards the cool blue aloft; then the sun was out. As long as we had to stick to your nichies and fine minners, in fact, I felt as much afraid of meeting Violet herself as a country boody woul —I'll be hanged if I wasn't in doubt of her cutting me dead, suppose I met her, and I shouldn't have had a word to say—whereas, with a spice of the rough work I thought of all night, or even a chance of something desperate behind, why, a fellow needn't to mind much how he went about it—seeing that in the midst of a habbub the words came into your mouth of themselves, and you're not expected to sand upon cerem by.

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The Scotch mate, being now first officer, had the side-ropes handed us civilly enough, having just seen the decks washed down in his own thorough manner, carronales, ropes, and all: but as the captain wasn't turned out yet, I went up to the poop, where a couple of boys were still awabbing up the wet. The moment I reached it, the sigh of the only two passengers that were 7.5ut so early, rather took me abook, one of them being the last I cared to meet—samely, the Irish Brigadier's lady, who was walking the dock in pattens, the boyse vidently keeping clear of her with their swats; and the stout, red faced Brigadier himself, buttoned up to the throat, while he stalked dismally fore-and-aft with her on his arm. At the first glimpse of me, General B ady stopped short and stared—I darsay he was doubtful whether to call me out or not. "Glad to say you again, sir!" said he. "Well now," said his whether to call me out or not. "Glad to so you again, sir!" said he. "Well now," said he lady, "you're the very man I wanted to see I still locked at her, unable to say the like berself, but terrified to speak a wrong word, with the knowledge of her confounded temper; the Brigadier had planted himself betwist ma at the recording and pears in any me to the seed to the poop-stair, and never having fairly coacross her since the affair about her dog an tichark, why, absurd as it was, I didn't ke
what the woman might make of my connect
with the same craft that carried her off so se
after. "Yes, indeed, and twas foolish of
not to see it in ye at first!" she want on, she
ing her parasol at me in a knowing way, a not to see it in ye at first!" she went on, shithing her parasol at me in a knowing way, an in eyeing the schooler again. 'Howiver, I heard of you!" said she, with another look that see my all alive, "and a mighty good ser, of admirer you are?" 'Faith, sir," said the Brigadier, "if I'd commanded the battery down there last night, I'd have waited till ye got nearer, and blown ye out of the wather." 'Tis only a lieu ename you are?" aid his leity speaking without scruode in the midst of his words, and frow log him quiet. "Nothing more, ma'sm," I said. "Well, now, Mister Lieutenant," said the lady auddenly, "what d'ye mean to do? You didn't find us out here. I suppose, and actually take these cowardity ship-people of ours by soage, like a bold fellow, for nothin?" After a few words more, Mrs. Brady all of a sudden vanished down the little quarter gallery stair near the ship's suffait; though I had scarce missed her ere she appeared again, making me a signal. "If sh, now," said she in a whisper out of the star-way, "and sep after me like a cut amongst broken bottles, for he's shaving yonder just now on the opposite side—I saw his Kilmager taking in the hot water." Next moment I had followed her into the small state-room in the farboard quarter, where she opened an inner don and left me. By Jove! I could have hugged that Iris woman on the spot, vixen as she warne meatter though the very ship might be out bat fristwoman on the spot, vixen as she was one matter though the very ship might be out of sight in a few hours, and I never set eyes on her again; I thought no more of it at the moment than I it of her skipper waiting for me—everything was lost in the notion of seeing Violet Hyde's face come out of that door. All the time there was a wispering, a rustling, and a confusion in the berth, as if she were taken by surprise, naturally enough—then I caught a word or two of the young lady's own, that made me think it was all up. The door handle turned, and the door half opened, then it shat to again, and I heard Mrs. Brady's voice in a coaxing sort of strain, till at het she opened the door wide ant and, "Then you won't, my dear? So Miser Lieutenam what's-his-name," added she, "you may be off to your vessel and"—suddenly I saw Violet's figure shrinking back, as it were, behind the Brigadier's lady, into the berth; but

saw Violet's agare shrinking back, as it were, behind the Brigadier's lady, bute the berth that all at one she walked's raight out to the stateroom, half frowning and half lang hing, with an angry kit d of blosh all over her face. Her hair was only looped up on the side, and 'craided on the other, as if it weren't rightly ship-si/apo yet for the day; while as for her dress, I remember nothing except its being some brown chake or other wrapped so close about her that one touldn't see her hands, like the picture of anun. "Mrs. Brady seems so a tonished to see you here again, Mr. Collins," said she, rather sharply, as I thought, "that the cannot rest without all the pissengers meeting you, I suppose, before you go!" With that she looked back, but Mrs. Grady had walked out, though I heard the young lady's waiting girl moving about inside the berth yet. "Tosa all accident, my happs man to come on board just now. about inside the berth yet, "Twas all accident, my happening to come on board just now. Miss Hyde," sait I anxhously, "or, in leed, my having orders to speak the Indiaman at all!" Ah!" she answered—"and it was so strange of Mrs. Brady to—to persist!" The lovely girl had scarce condescended to look at me yet, but here she glanced past me through the quarter gallery window at the schooner, where there was nothing betwist her and the gay little stateroom save the blue heaving water and the light—then her eye seemed to pass from the epanlet on my one shoulder to the other that had none, till it lighted for the first time on my face, with a smile.

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"How ocan wour schooner looks just now, Mr. Collins!" said she, turning hastily away agaic; "it is the—the same that—that we saw befor?"

Now there was something in those blue eyes of hers, with the dark lashes over them and under them, that made me lose eight at the moment of everything in the way of my success, fear and all—a sort of a flying glance it was, that I couldn't help turning to my favor. "For gelaske, Aliss Hyde, said I, "let me have something one way or other to know my fat by—it's no use telling my mind after all that a come and gone; tone as a mayn't a cyon again—und she breeze will be up rectly—wey— Violet stood all the while bzing down on the state—corn carpet, miking canswer: there was a deal stop, and I heard te first ripple of the breeze work against the tip's rudder below—by Jove! I could have anged myself at that moment—when I saw her houlder tremble as she looked down, her soft cyclids just lifted till I caught the blue of her eye, and the smile came over her lip. How I got held of her hand—for that confounded clock, or whatever it was, I really don't know, but we it was, and out I really don't know, but we it was, and out I for that confounded cloak, or whatever it was, I really don't know but so it was and out I came with the words "Violet—I love you to the last drop of my blood, that's all?" I said, "and I only wish I had the chance of showing it?" Violet II yet he chance of showing it?" Violet II yet he chance of showing it?" Violet II yet of mine, and looked me straight in the face for a moment with a merry sort of a quizzical air, as if I meant some other adventure—and 'Oh ne! I hope tot!" added she, with a shudder, and then a blush, no doubt thinking of the African river. "But Violet, Violet!" said I eagerity, as she made a move towards the nearest door, "won't you say, then—something, for heaven sake, to keep one in hope?" "Why, what would you have, sir?" said she quickly, still arming away—tut bless me! I don't exactly semember what followed in the desperation I felt—nor how near she was to me when I heard

"De arest girl!" I said, "I shall be far

when areast girl!" I said. "I shall be far "Do you actually sail so soon, then?" said Violet, in a low voice.

"Why, they're bracing round the ship's yards already, I hear," answored I; "but indest I think the schooner might keep near for a few days I."

already. I hear," answered I; "but indeed I thick the schooler might keep near for a few days, to—"

"No—no!" said she, anxiously; "go altogether, else my fa'her will be still more set against—against—"

"Perhaps," she added, "we may see you in Calcutta, when—you are"—and her eye glanced from one shoulder of my uniform to the other. "When I've got my epaulet shifted to the right shoulder?" [At that period the destinguishing mark of a commander; as the epaulet on the be't shoulder, of a lieutenant; atd the epaulet on both, of a post captain.] asked I eagerly, "then may I see you?" "See -yes," was the whisper I caught—and "Dearest, dearest Violet," said I, almost going down on the deck before her, "suppose I managed to ship them on both, in this confounded peace, will you—" "Hush!" said Violet, listening, and all in a flutter, "indeed you must go, else I must!" "For godsake, Violet," I went on, keeping hold of her hand as she tried to get away, "will you wait a year or two and give me the chance of a war in China—or up the Mediterrane—or—" But here the wild notions I had for a moment left me. Somehow or other at that instant a terrible glimpse, as it were, of Buonsparte standing up on the crag in St. Helena flashed across me; and as the tolly of the thing, let alone the impudence of it, struck me, I righ-handed grooned, while Violet I yde's fingers slipped out of mine. Just then the turned inst full rour with a soft look of her

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that showed themselves mu mous? First hu med and hawed at the word. "Y mutinous," repeated 1: "there's no mineing the matter, I suppose. Just so good as let me see the fellows, and I rid you of them at once?" Finch's glance for so good as let me see the fellows, and I'll rid you of them at once?' Finch's glance followed mine as it lighted on their spaces followed mine as it lighted on their spaces, shaggy head watching us with the eye of a but' alo, past a knot of slouching, bulking, foremust men of his own kidney. The moment I caught sight of Jacob's tread I carry brown face, standing ap at a bit with his friends, Tom, Bill, the red-haired Irish topman, and three other honestlike man-o varsmen, I took my one for the meantime. "My hads," said I, walkin My lighty forward, "I want a few hands for the Hebe frigate—you know her I dare say—and that's enough; for a model like the Hebe doesn't theat the water—now, I can't press any of you!" float the water—now, I can't press any of you." Here a general hugh ran along both rows, and I heart a growling checkle from ugly Foster. "But," added I, hughing, too, you an

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There was a dead silence, in the midst of which Tom, the fore-toponan, the most dashin g fellow in the ship, stepped aft with his hat in his hand—then Jacob—then Bill, and my acquaintance the "Savage"—then the three others. In place of gruntling, in fact, there began to had a hurral amongst the rest, except some of Fos'er's chams; a few more seemed inclined to follow, and as for my gentlem in captain, he appeared not to know what to do.

"Now, my man," sait I, steeping straight up to ugly Harry, and eyeing him right in the face, as he stood, "you're a fine seman-like fellow—the blue, I am sure—I've taken a particular fancy to yo—won't you ship for the Hebe—th?" Foster dadn't know where to look, twisting himself round, hitching up now trowsers, and altogether taken fairly aback: every eye was on him, and I'll be hanged if I don't think be turned it in his mind to agree. "Come, Foster," said I, in a low voice. "I know you, my man; but if you ship I'll look over the whole!" All at once, Captain Finch walked up to ne, saying. "If you persist in taking these men, sir, you'll have to answer for it, I can tell you!" "I know my own meaning, sir," said I immly: "I am in the regular course, and answer for it I will! Say the yord, my man, and ship?"

""" I know my own meaning, sir," said I Harry, turning on his heel with a grim se wil; "none o'yer frigates for me!" and he wa'ked off, Jacobs and the others came on the gangway with the ir tags, however, and pitched them to the their tags, however, and pitched them to the man in the boat, without any one offering to interiere; indeed, Finch had seemingly given it up sooner than I expected. "Now, Captain Finch," said I, before stepping over the side after Mr. Snelling and the men, "I'd much rather we

Le, fiercely. "You may do that, Captain Finch," I sa'd, "You nay do that, Captain Finch," I sa'd,
"as soon as possible: but, in the meantime, you
can't be sare of what may turn up of a dark
night, and a couple of lights at your main-yardarm, or anywhere, will bring the schooner down
in half an hor, or so, if there's a breeze. As
for a calm," said I, turning round—but such a
strange white look had come over Finch's face
as he glarced after me, that, thinking he was
beside himself with rage, I went down the side
without another word.

"Take your own way," I fancied I heard him
mutter letwix! his teeth; but next moment we
were pulling off.

her toggin a me to "Go, go, if I really loved which we had seen in the first dog-watch dead which we had seen in the first deg-watch dead to leeward. I was rather uneasy for a while at not being able to make out her lights, and we slipped fast through the water, when all at once both Jenes and Westwood called out from forward that they saw them, and I walked to the bows. "All right," said I; "but no—by heaven! That's the signal I named to the captain! Set stunsails, Mr. Jones, and make her walk, for God-sake!" Two lights it was, aloft in the gloom, right to leeward as before: there was something wrong, or else she wantel to speak us; so away we flew before the wind, under everything that could be set. I looked and

speak ut; so away we flew before the wind, under everything that could be set. I looked and looked, when a thought struck me; not another light was to be seen below, and they weren't high enough from the heave of the sea for even a ship's lower-mast.

"Yes, by George!" said I, hu riedly, to Westwood and Jones, "that's a trick! The fellow means to give us the slip. Clap the helm down, Mr. Snelling, and haul at the sheets there—lift, luft!" We were losing our weather-gage; in fact, the Indiaman must actually be to the windward of us ere then, and if the lureze feeshered we might lose them.

p him right.
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"No, Westweed," said I, "it can't be the right one—nor any of these, indeed I" Andlo looking at the chart, which was one nor man the for anything but navigation in open water, with the channels laid down clearly enough, but evidently rather off hand as to the islands, Jones himself Seemed to get uncertain about the matter: partly owing to the short glimp e he'd had of the other chart, and partly to its being, as he though, an oldione mide for a purpose, by a hand that knew the islands well. After 2 or 3 days sail, we were getting into the thick of the Maddives, where the recis and sandtanks stretching out on every side, and beginning to lap in upon each other, made it more and more dangerous work: but at any rate the islands we saw were either very small, or else low and muddy-like, with a few scrubby-boking cosoas up in them, like bulrushes growing out of a marsh. No ranaway sailors would ever think of taking up their quarters hereabouts, even if we hadn't caught sight of a smoke now and thin, and once of some native craft with a contact. then, and once of some native craft with a cou-ple of brown mat-sails and an out-rigger, that showed the clusters hereaway to have people about them. Besides, there was no pretext any Indiaman could have for steering near coop to such a jungle of mud and water to give a boat the chance of miking towards it with any certainty. I saw at once that the spot in question must lie tolerably for the course of a ship to Western India, otherwise they wouldn't have appeared so sure of their mark as dones said appeared so sure of their mark as Jones said they did. All this, at the same time, kept mether more bent on searching the marter outer I did aught else, seeing that in fact the Indiaman's attempt to get rid of the schooner was the very thing likely to bring he on this track: fancyin as she would that were either in chase of her toward Bombay, off on our own course again. Now, on the chand, nothing could it better for the said ru away scheme of Harry Foster's; and on the other hand, nothing would have pleased in more, and greatly eased my mind too, than to other hand, nothing would have pleased me more, and greatly eased my mind too, than to catch him and his choms on their spree ashore. The worst of it was, that I began to have my doubts of Jonesagain. He was the only man that could put us on the right scent; yet he seemed either to have lost it, or to have something creeping on his mind that made him unwilling to carry it out. "Mr. Jones," said I, as the schooner was hove to, and he stood musing gloomity by the binnacle, with a glance now and then in at the compass and out at the chart again, "if you're at a los now, sir, just say—and I shall try my own hard for want of better!" "No, Lieuenami Collins!" answered he suddenly, in a husky voice—"no, sir, that's not it, bur—Got help me! no, there so use standing against fate, see. Whatever it cos's me, Mr. Collins," he went on, finnly, "I'm with you to the end of it but—there is something borrible about all this!" How! what do you mean?" said I startled by the difference in his manner, and the quiver of his lip, "Oh," said he, "as for the present matter, there may be no hing may in it than what I heard on the ship's bow my yas, the cluster here might have been the one—though I see now there is only one island in the cluster here might have been the one—though I see now there is only one island in the this cluster here might have been the one-though I see now there is only one island in the whole chain that can answer the description, and that is not here." With that he pointed to another piece of the chart, showing no more than a few spots upon the paper, not to speak of shades in it standing for reefs and shoals; towards the "Head of the Maldives; one spot lying away from the rest, with the single name of Minicoy for them all. I asked him nastity enough what it was called, and all about it, for the whole affair made me more and more uneasy; but on this was called, and all about it, for the whole aftair made me more and more uneasy; but on this point Jones seemed inclined to keep close plainly not liking the topic, except that I found it went by several names, one of which I had heard before, myself—White-water Island. About the time I was a boy in a merchantman's

+ The 'Bipples'—a marine phenomenon pe-culiarly, apparently, to the adian Ocean. *Outside the harber of Bombay.

wastn't one aboard with them, from the skipper to the chaplain, knew as much or hat flown as high some time. So, he day at sea the hands are piped round the grating, hats off, and the prayer book if ged—down goes "Jack Jones" with a plash and a bubble to he name-sake, old "Davy," and you hear no more of him!

Well, just after sundown, as the dusk come on, Westwood and I left the deck to go down to supper with the Planter, the midshipman being in charge. There was nothing in sight, sail or land indeed, the queer dark brown tint of the horizh, showel strongly against the sky, as if it had been the mabe, say of the capstan head horial a showed strongly against the sky, as if it had been the mabogany of the capstan head inside its brass rim; the night was cloudy, with a light breeze, and though the stars came out, I expected it to get pretty dark. As I went down the companion, I heard nothing but the light wash of the water from her bows, and the lock-out stepping slowly about betwixt her knight heads on the forecastle; while it struck knight heads on the forecastle; while it struck me the smooth face of the sea seemed to show wonderfully distinct into the dusk, the completer it got, as if a sort of light rose up from offit. Down below we felt her stealing picasantly through all, and Tom and I sat for I didn't know how long, trying to set le our differences on the main point about the Scringapatam, of course, and with way she was likely to be gone. Tou pl me I himself mightily on his common-sense iew of a thing, and having by this time got b. k good deal of his cheerfulness, he and Mr. Ledtek almost laughed me over to his line of thicking.

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We agreed that the ship must be at present deling up on one side or other of the Malayes, but both of them thought the less we had to say to her the better. "I say, though" exclaimed the Planer, whose face was turned he opposite way to ours, "I no idea it was mooning it?" Moonlight!—there's no moon till morning." I said. "Look into the stern cabin there, then!" said Rolock; and I turned round, seeing into the door of the after-cabin, where, to my no small surrise, there was a bright white glive through the little square stern-light, plenning on the inn of the sill, and seeiningly off both the air and the water beyond. Quite confounded, as well as wondering what Saielling rould be about. I hurried up the companion, the Platter and Westwood hard at my heels.

For so long as I had kept at sea, and a good many different latitudes I had been into—yet I must say I never in my life before saw sach a strange sight as broke on us the instant we put our heads out of the booly-hatch, fresh from the lamp-light in the cabin. Indeed, I can't but own to my first feeling being fright for what it was I couldn't understand, unless we were get into a quarter of the wold where things weren't natural. There were a few stray clouds in the sky, scattering away shead, and clearing e-siward to settle along before the breeze; all aloft of us, high over the sharp cark edge of the sails and gaffs, the air seemed to open away out pale and glimmering like a reflection in the ite; all around you mught a glimpse of the stars weakening and weakening toward the horizon. But the water itelf—that was the sight that bewildered one! On every side the whole sea lay spread of smooth, and as white as snow—you couldn't fancy how wide it might stretch away astern or on our lees—on, for not a mark of harizon was to be seen, save on the northwest, where you made it out, owing to the sky there is no our lees of the sould cover the start where you made it out, owing to the sky there is no our lees of the scan save on the northwest, where you made it out, ow where you made it out, owing to the sky there being actually darker than the same but all the time the wide face of it was of a dead ghastly paleness, washing with a swell like milk to our shack counter as we farged ahead. It wasn't that it shone in the least like blue water at night in the ordinary tropics—that would have been a comfort—but you'd have thought there been a comfort—but you'd have thought there was a winding-sheet laid ever all, or we were standing across a level country covered with snow—only when I stood up, and watched the bows, there was a faint hissing sparkle to be seen in the ripple's edge, that first brought me to myself. The Lascars had woke up where they lay about the caboose, and were cowering together for sheer terror; the men standing, each one in his place, and looking; while Jones, who had relieved

forecastis, 'twas a sert of Coating yarn amongs' sems exame, this White-water Island, I remembered; but I nover met with a min that make he was now method one's knowing exacely where it was. One carried peace it had been, by all accounts, without one's knowing exacely where it was. One carried some kild been, by all accounts, without one's knowing the peace of the coating of the peace of the coating of the c

want of the well-known bring twang of real blue-water, and instead of that smack as it were of iron, though it was as clear as crystal. Every one had a trial of it but Jones himself; in leed, be never once looked round, till it had occurred to me to pour the tim of water into a glass and hold it with my hand over it inside the thade of the binnacle, when I thought I make out little specks and sparks shooting and twisting about in it, as if the waver had a motion of itself; then it seemed to sink to the bottom, and all was quiet. Just then II looked up and caught Jones scared resuless sort of plance, as if he were uneasy. There was a strange life in that mat's boain, I felt, that none could see into; but owing as it plainly was to something has well enough he meant fair by ourselves. Nothing on earth ever gave me more the notion of a wreck in a man, than the kind of gaze out of Jones two eyes, when he'd turn to the light and look at you, half keen, half shrinking, like a man that both felt himself above you, and yer, somebow or other, you'd got him tinder you. I'm blessed if I didn't trust him more because he had been too desperate a character in his deeds beforehand to tarn his mind to little ones now, than for anything good in him; being cue of the surface lass distinctions of the self-hand to tarn his mind to little ones now, than for anything good in him; being cue of the white it is so the light and look at you, half keen, half shrouker the broan we noticed at dayt'xe; while the light and look at you, half keen, half shrouker the notion of a wreck in a man, than the kind of the light and look at you, half keen, half shrouker the notion of a wreck in a man, than the kind of the light and look at you, half keen, half shrouker the notion of a wreck in a man than the kind of the light and look at you, half keen, half shrouker the notion of a wreck in a man than the kind of the light and look at you, half keen, half shrouker the notion of a wreck in a man than the kind of the light and look at you, half keen, ha while the white water was to be seen close along the edge of the i-land, showing ro k and point of it the shadow from the ro k and point of it the shadow from the moon, till it so med to turn away all of a sudden like a carrent into the broad dreamy glimmer that still lay routh-castward. On the other side of the island you saw the dark scaripples flickering to the faint moonlight, and some two or three more patches of flat land just tipping the horizon, with the thice so and trees on them like reeds against the stars and the dusk; while the one near stus was sufficiently marked out to have saved me the trouble even of the look. I gave Jones, which he an wered by another. "You have seven or eight fathoms water here, sir," added he; "and as soon as she rounds the point yonder, we can shoal it by degrees to any anchorage you like, as long as we keep in the white water—but we must hold to it!" It was accordically the start of the start was must hold to it!" It was accordically the start of the start

chorage you like, as long as we keep in the white water —but we must hold to it?" It was accordingly found so with the load, and ere long, having kept past the point, the same milky hue could be noticed as it were jagging off through the darker water, and winding away hither and thither all round the other side, till you lost it. However, here we trailed up and handed down than half a mile from a small sloping beach, where the strange water actually surged at through the shadow of the land, in one glittering sheet like new fallen snow, while the back wash seethed down into it all along the edge in the land. wash seathed down into it all along the edge in pricet fire. Nothing stirred on it, apparently; not a sound came from it, save the low-wash of the surf on that lonely bare beach; and you only made out that part of the island was covered with trees, with the ground rising to a flat-topped hammeck to and out end. So being pre-ty wearied by this time, impatient though I was for a clearer view of matters, most of us turned in leaving the deck to a strong anchor watch in charge of Jones—especially as it was watch in charge of Jones—specially as it was towards morning, and the Freeze blowing fresh over the island through our ropes. But if ever a man walked the deck overhead in a fashion to keep you awake, it was Jones that morning fas er and faster he went, till you'd have though

fas er and faster he went, till you'd have thought he ran; then there was a stop, when you felt him thinking, and off he posted again. No wouder I had ugly dreams!

I could a a're believe it wasn't one still, when having been called half-an-hour after day-oreak I first saw the change in the appearance of things all about us. The horizon lay round as clear as heart could wish—not a speck in sight save the little dingy islets at a distance; the broad blue ocean s, withing far away on one side, and the wa'er to windward, in the direction we had come, showing the same brownish tint we had come, showing the same brownish that whad seen the day before, while it took the island before us in its tight, and turned off castwar with the breeze till it spread against the open sky. The top of the land was high enough to

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more like the paws of a wild beast stamped in the mud. "No wolves on the island, surely!" said I. "All of them seem to stick to the pool in preference to the well, at any rate," said Tom; "they appear to have the same crotchet with ourselves, Ned!" "Strange!" said I, "what can it be?" Westwood eyed the prints over and over. "What do you think of—a dog?" he asked.

"Good heavens!" exclaimed I, looking d." wa!" are "the wear early graft the thing.

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shut out the sea-line, and, being low water at the time, it was plain enough now why Jones wished to keep the white streaks over-night; for, where the clargy-coloured ripples malted on the other side toward the blue, you could see by the spots of foam and the greenish breaks here and there in the surface, tart all that coast of the idead was one network of shoals and reefs, stretching out you didn't know how wide. White-water I-land, in fact, was merely the head of them—the misky stream that had so startled us just washing round the deep end of it, and edging far along the side of the reefs, with a few creeks sent in amongst them, as it startled us just washing round the deep end of it, and edging far along the side of the reefs, with a few creeks sent in amongst them, as it were, like feelers, ere it flowed the other way: we couldn't o herwise have got so near as we were. But the island itself was the sight to fasten you, as the lovely green of it alone out in the morning sun, covering the most part of it close over, and tipping up beyond the bare break will even it was steepest, with a clump of tall cocoas shooting every here and-there out of the thick bush; indeed, there was apparantly a sert of split lengthways, through the mids, where, upon only walking to the schooner's bow, one could see the bright green wood sinking down to a hollow out of sight, under the clear gush of the breeze off a dark blue patch of the set that hung beyond it like a washe. As the tils made over the long reefs, till the last line of surf on them vanished, it went up the little sandy cove opposite us with a plash on the breach that you could hear: the place was just what a sailor may have had a notion of all his life, without exactly seeing it till then; and though, as yet, one had a rough guess of its size, why, it colls n't be less than a comple of miles from ed to end, with more than that breadth, parhaps, at the low side toward the reefs. Not a soul amongst the man-o-war-smen, I daresay, as they pressed together in the schooner's bows to see into it, but would have taken his traps that moment, if I'd told him, and g ne ashoe on the clance of passing his days there; so it wasn't hard to cot ceive, i on the state it seemed to put their rough sun-burnt faces in, honest as they locked, how a similar fancy would work with Mater Harry Foster, even it it tried his virtue a little.

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spot which Jones seemed to know so well; was likely the fore-mast-man had got inkling of it someway in the way I did; and lying, as it happened to co, between no less than three channels which the Indiaman might take, af er channels which the Indiaman might take, at er dodging us in this fashion round the long cluster of the Maldives, she couldn't make northwestward again for the open sea, without setting Foster and his mates pretty well upon their trip. Indeed, if she were to eastward of the chain at present, as I was gready inclined to believe, the course of the breeze made it impossible for here also the present as the course of the present as I was gready inclined to believe, the course of the breeze made it impossible for here as a characteristic point. the chain at present, as I was gready inclined to believe, the course of the breeze made it impossition for her to do otherwise; but there was one thing always kept lucking about my unind, lise a cover to something far worse that I didn't venture to dwell upon—namely, that Captain Enchunght get wind of their purpose, and dive them on another tack by knocking it on the head, either at the time or beforehand, without the courage to settle them. Nothing in the world would have the sed of the sed of the world would have the sed of the world would have the sed of the world would have the sed of the sed of the world would have the sed of the world wo

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Glad enough we were to get out of the queer sulphury smell all this stuff gave out in the hear—letting the men take every one hi own way into the bushes, which they sulpoys ike is many school oys, and making ourselves to ignt for the highest point. Here we saw over through the cocount trees and wild trailing plants below, down upon a broad bushy level through the cocount trees and wild trailing plants below, down upon a broad bushy level through the cocount trees and wild trailing plants below, down upon a broad bushy level through the cocount trees and wild trailing plants below, down upon a broad bushy level through the cocount trees and wild trailing plants below, down upon a broad bushy level through the cocount trees and wild trailing plants at the met were to held right to windward, and meet again after beating the entire ground, we stwoed and I struck fair through amongst the tangle of word, to see the flat below. We roused out a good many small birds and paroquely and several goats could be noticed looking at us off the grassy bits of erag above the trees, though they didn't seem to know what we were. As for most of the wood, it was mainly such bushes and brush as thrive without water, with a bright green flush of grass and plants after the rain at the mersoon, the prickly pear creeping over the sancy parts, till we came ou a track where some spring or other apparently ooze! down from the hight, soaking in little rank spots amongst the ground leaves, with here and there a small rusry splash about the grass-blades, as if there were tar or iron in it. Here there were taller trees of different kinds on both sides, dwindling off into the lower bush, while, to my surprise, some of them were such as you'd never have, a meeting the control of the merson bush, while, to my surprise, some of them were such as you'd never have. to my surprise, some of them were such as you'd never have a spected to meet with on an isnever have a spected to meet with on an is-land of the site, or so far off the land—bananas, mangoes, a shuldock or two, and a few more, common erough io Iadia, though here they must evic nitly have been planted, the coenis being the en'y sort natural to the place —and of them there were plenty below. Suidenly it led down to a shady hollow, out of sight of the sea altogether, where we came on what seemed to have been a parter garden some time or other; there were two of three large broad-leaved shaddock trees, an one or two others, with a heap of rubbish in it midst of the wild Indian corn and long gra-some broken bamboo stakes standing, besides piece of plank scattered here and there aboo the bushes. Right under the shade of the tree piece of plank scattered here and there about the bushes. Right under the shade of the trees was a hole like the mouth of a draw-well, more there brindly at the time with the water from the spring; for, owing to the late rains, it made a pool close by the side, and went trickling away down amongst the brushwood. Every twig and leaf grew straight up or out, save in a narrow track toward the rising ground—no doubt made by the goats, as we noticed the prints of their hoofs on the wet mud. Twas evident no human being his been there for heaven knew how long; since, by the care that had been taken with the place, it was probably the only spring in the island—perhaps for leagues and leagues round, irdeed. Trees, branches, green grass, and all—they had such a still moveless air under the heat and light, in the lee of the high ground, with just a blue spet or two of the sea seen neat and light, in the fee of the high ground with just a blue spet or two of the sea see high up through the sharp shaddock leaves and the cool looking splash of water below them, that Westwood and I sat down to waitill we heard the men. Still there was a terrible ough till we heard the men. Still there was a terribly distinct, particular cast about the whole spot, which, taken together with the ruit and confusion, as well as the notion of Foster and his shipmates actually plotting to come there, gave one almost an idea of the whole storought to some the spot of the state of the state of the state of the whole storought the tielt woner single man could have brought the different trees to the island, or contrived a tank well of the kind, seeing it was apparently deep cough to supply a ship's casks; while, at the well of the kind, seeing it was apparently desenough to supply a ship's casks; while, at the
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things, most likely it was by himself he had
been, and for no short time. It looked, how
ever, as if he had been carried off in the end
otherwise his bones would have been hereabouts
probably by savages, as Westwood and I con
cluded from the scatter they had made of hi
premises. For my own part, I wondered wheth
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ly neight come of remembering the dreary deso ly reight come of remembering the dreary late feelings one must have, living long desert island. No doubt they had "mare desert island. No doubt they had "marconed him for something or other, such as not being bloody enough captain; and I could as easily bloody enough captain; and I could as easily fancy one having a spice of madness in him, after years achore here, as in Captain Wallis after a French prison. Still it startled one to see one's face in the black of the well; and we couldn't make up our minds to drink out of it. Even the pool at its side had a queer taste, I thought—but that may have been all a notion. All at once, by the edge of this same pool, Westwood pointed out two or three marks that surprised us both, being quite different from what the goats could have made; and on observing closer, they were made out to be more like the paws of a wild beast stamped in the mud. "No wolves on the island, surely!" said I. "All of them seem to stick to the road.

-"yes!" and there we sat gazing at the thing, and musing over it with somehow or other

eurious creeping of the blood for my p-I can't describe the reason of. At last the men hallooing to each other on a bereath, when we hurried down, and r and till we came upon the boat again the coxewain was amount thimself game shells for home—and we pulled back to 7 schooner. schooner.

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My first resolve after this was to keep before the breeze again; try to ge'sight of the ship; and tell Finch out and out, as I ought to have done at once, what was afoo: am magat his craw or else to let Sir Charles Hyde know of it, an ownske him a bold offer of a passage to Calcuta However, I soon saw this wouldn't do; ande regular puzzle I found myself in, betwixt inclinding to stick to the island, and catch Foster it home, and wishing to know how the Indiame stood on her course if he didn't. Jones mus have read my thoughts as I leant upon the cast stan, locking from White-water Island to the horizon, and back again; for he stepped a good said in a low vice, "Lieutenant Collin there's one thing I didn't tell you about that i land before, because, as I said, I wasn't first sure it was the one the mement; it may help to decide vosit," said he gravely. "Ah?" I said. "I be that island," he went on, his ordinarily darpface as pale as death, "there is enough gold this moment to buy halt of an Englian countary, and better than gold, seeing that only of man knows the spot where it is, and he woull rather sail round the wold without a shirt to heach than touch one filling of the—hell's dross. I looked at Jones in perfect amaze as he added "You may fancy now, Mr. Collins, whether a man of the kind happened to get wind of the would not stir heaven and earth to reach typlace? But rather than that gold should into living hands," said he fiercely. "I would for them by myself—ay, alone—hone and a sbudder seemed to run through him as tgave another slance to the island. For my paradrew a long greath. What he mentioned he all at once relieved my mind wonderfully; for this war Master Foster's case, as I now saw must have been the whole voyage over, whole would be just as sure not to spread the thi widely, as he would be to get here some time, he could. On second thoughts, it wasn't plain how the rest of the crew might work wint, on the least inkling; but inclined as I marally -and, somewhat to my annovance, Mr lock, who persisted in a ming-were ingrack for the island; while the schools

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I weke up in the tent perhaps an he I weke up in the tent perhaps an before midnight, as I junged on loo through the opening at the stars shone in the dark sky through the neest end of the valley above the Where Jones had gone at the time I di know, till suddenly I caught sight of his figure standing on the rise at the back of post, and went up to him. Jones was cerly a strange mixture, for here had island by himself, yet I found him leaning beaded on the barrel of his ransket, liste like a deer; he assured me solemniy he thou he had heard voices for the last hour on other side, where he hadn't beep, and asked if I would go with him to see. Then deame our lookout from the peak, rolling threthe bushes like a sea cow; to report his not ing seen at ything, and to say they'd forge relieve him aloft; so rousing up Jacobs, I them both back together, while Jones a held the opposite way for the other height moment we got to it, there w. s he same

held the opposite way for the other height. moment we got to it, there w. s. he same follotted-out herizon as we had had all astern us the night before, the same strange unnature leness cast off the face of the sea.

Everything was still and Jones drew a browlike one relieved. "Nothing after all, I this sit!" said he; but to my mind there was sorthing a long sight more awful in the look that unaccountable white water bearing do like snow upon the island, as it were, with wrinkles and edies to be seen faintly in it hand there back toward the glaring breadth of and the floating streaks in the sky above, pecially when he told me he thought it wowing to millions upon millions of living this in it, that made the same show there at different seasors in the year, for a week or so a time—the appearance of it getting "eas of a time—the appearance of it getting "eas of the decided of the same show there at the same show there at the same show there as a time—the appearance of it getting "eas of the decided of the same show there as the same show there are a time—the appearance of it getting "eas of the decided of the same show there as the same show there are a time—the appearance of it getting "eas of the same show the same show the same show the same show there are the same show there are the same show there are same show the same s different seasors in the year, for a week or sa a time—the appearance of it getting less of time tevery night. However, I had begue to grow uneasy again about the Inman, and the schooner too, as well doubtful of the f-llows coming to the Idam an; on the contrary, as I said to Jones, if t saw the schooner, and Westwood didn't man as I told him, why both she, the shep, and selves might possibly get the finishing strallogether. "The more I think of it," said the grown forlish it seems to be here instead altogether. "The more I think of it," sai" the more feelish it seems to be here instead aboard!" "Why it is, Mr. Cellins, I do know," replied Jones, "yet I feel as sure to men will land here as if I heard them in woods; and if I wasn't aware how one of breeds another, for my part, I shouldn't here at present, sir. Many a night at has the thought of this place weighted me, lest there was something new do in it; but what's buried here I'm resolved man shall stie up, if I can help it, sir!" A in it; but what's buried here I'm resalved man shall stir up, if I can help it, sir! "At the after, as we got up and went down to beach, all of a sudden—like a thing he coul avoid—Jones began to give me same some of what happened here some years belwhich, according to him, he had got from shipmate of his that died; and I must as made the blood creep in me to listen to it.

At the beginning of the war, he said island, had been a nest of regular pirm who had taken pains to make it, from a mindely head of a resort on occasions—especias even the wild Maldive natives to southwhad somehow a dislike to it. The whole go as even the wild Maldive natives to southwhad somehow a dislike to it. The whole gabeing taken by some cruiser or other at however, too far off to leave any clue to thartorage bereabouts, they were all bear and the place lost sight of; till a goodyears after, a country Arab craft, bound Dacca up the Ganges, was driven in a gale up the reefs some way off, without seeing island at all till the sea went down, she was going to pieces. There were two Europeans alward, both having turk Mussulmen, and the youngest of them mate. There was a passenger, a native Inomerchant, and his servants, with, as was lieved, his harem below in the after cabins, nobody ever had seen them; but the Arab roof the vessel, and several more, being warh off when she struck, the other Musselmen to to the only boat they had, and got ashore, ie, ing the two Englishmen with the passeng To be continued.

BECAUSE ARTEMAS WARD sets at defiance he rules of orthography and yet writes let read by everybody, a great many imagine to because they can't spell correctly they can was well as Artemas. They forget that it is thing to purposely spell wrong, and quite an er not to know how to spell r is 11. Many a semakes a pitiable (Anhihition of himse in tempting to walk on Artemas' stitts.